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Re: Blackstone Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-65

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed are information requests by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy to Blackstone Gas Company in regard to the above-captioned matter. Please submit the Company's responses to the Department by 5:00 p.m., July 28, 2003.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 305-3762. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jody Stiefel
Hearing Officer

Enc.
cc: Service List
Mary Cottrell, Secretary

SECOND SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO
BLACKSTONE GAS COMPANY
D.T.E. 03-65

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) hereby submits to Blackstone Gas Company (“Blackstone” or “Company”) the following information requests.

- DTE 2-1 Refer to the Company’s response to DTE 1-1. Please confirm whether the total long and short-term debt number of \$702,045 is arithmetically correct.
- DTE 2-2 Refer to the Company’s response to DTE 1-1. Please list in detail the composition of debt that equates to \$359,665 for total long-term debt and short-term portion of long-term debt.
- DTE 2-3 Refer to the Company’s response to DTE 1-1. Were the Note Payable-Dean Bank- Due 1/03, New Holland Credit- Due 8/03, and Bobcat Financial- Due 5/03 originally considered long-term debt?
- DTE 2-4 Refer to the Company’s response to DTE 1-1. Is the line of credit with Dean Bank at 5.5% for \$150,000 exclusively related to short-term financing?
- DTE 2-5 Refer to the Company’s Petition at Exhibit 2. Please explain why the total long term debt after refinancing is shown as \$627,164 on this exhibit, while the net plant test after refinancing in the Company’s response to DTE 1-1 appears to show total long-term debt of \$655,380 (total common stock and long-term debt of \$672,635 minus \$17,255 common stock).
- DTE 2-6 Refer to the Company’s Petition at Exhibit 2. Please explain why the total long-term debt as of December 31, 2002 equals \$287,485, but in response to DTE 1-2, the Company states that the Dean Bank 9 percent and 7.5 percent term loans due June 9, and October 7, respectively, totaled \$294,285.